

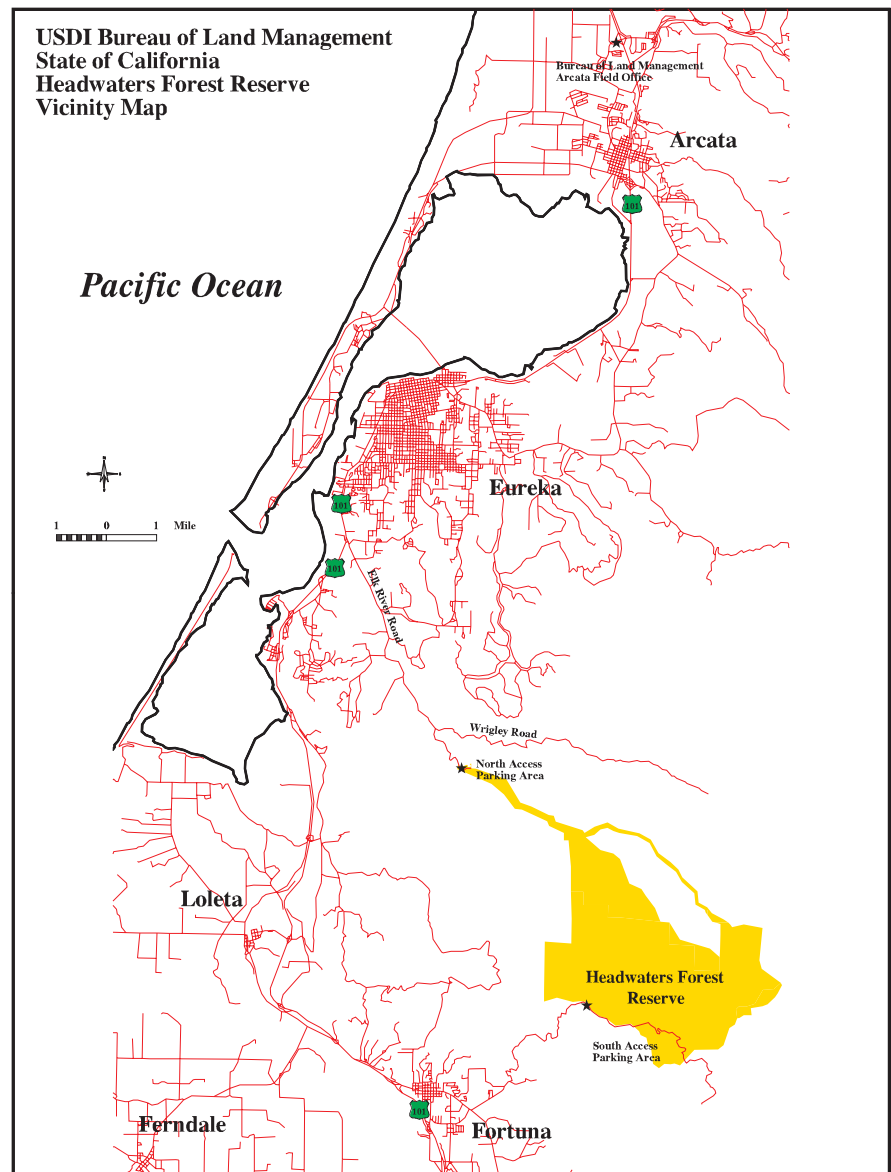
# HEADWATERS FOREST RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## FACT SHEET

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and the California Department of Fish and Game are beginning the development of a Management Plan (Plan) for the Headwaters Forest Reserve (Reserve) in Humboldt County, California.

The 7,400 acre Reserve was created primarily to protect and preserve the ecological values of the unique, old-growth redwood forest community constituting the Headwaters Forest. Ecological values of the Reserve include unparalleled diversity of plant and animal species. The Reserve holds important habitat for threatened animal species including marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, coho salmon, chinook salmon, and steelhead.

Federal legislation for the purchase and creation of the Reserve established the management goal of the Plan as "To conserve and study the land, fish, wildlife, and forests occurring on such land while providing public recreation opportunities and [meeting] other management needs."



### The Plan will focus on the following key issues:

#### 1 **Ecosystem Preservation.**

The primary focus of the Plan will be the protection and monitoring of natural aquatic and terrestrial habitats, par-

ticularly the old-growth groves and habitats for threatened and endangered species. Included in this focus will be the management of previously harvested areas.

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**② Public Access and Recreation.** Recreation activities that can be supported with minimal facilities and conducted so as to preserve ecological integrity will be identified. Activities to be evaluated for at least portions of the Reserve include hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, picnicking, camping, wildlife viewing, nature study, universal access, and interpretive activities.

**③ Maintenance and Administrative Access.** Maintenance strategies, and service and security access requirements will be identified and evaluated.

**④ Special Designations.** Wilderness characteristics, and other special designations identified through public comment will be evaluated.

**⑤ Ecosystem Monitoring and Scientific Research.** Recreation, restoration, and research activity levels and effects on ecosystem integrity will be monitored in order to support adaptive management of the Reserve,.

**⑥ Management Budget and Funding.** Appropriate levels of management funding will be examined and potential funding sources will be identified. Benefits and impacts of establishing fees for recreation and/or research activities will specifically be evaluated.

The Plan will resolve these issues for the present and will set forth an adaptive management plan to allow prudent management changes in the future. Issues such as whether ecological values of the Reserve warrant overriding protection; and expansion of the Reserve, are outside the scope of this planning process and will not be covered in the Plan.



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Public involvement will begin in May, 2000.  
Interested parties are encouraged to attend  
public meetings to be held in  
Eureka, San Francisco, and Sacramento in June, 2000.

**For more information about the public meetings and the  
Plan, please call (916) 737-3010 ext. 4326, or (707)  
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[www.ca.blm.gov/arcata/](http://www.ca.blm.gov/arcata/)**

